



COMPLIANCE UPDATE
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GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT

A number of Gainful Employment Electronic Announcements were released in the month of October. Several announcements involve the Gainful Employment Draft GE Debt-to-Earnings Rates challenge period that began Oct. 24, 2016 and will end Dec. 7, 2016. The GE Debt Measures Backup Data detail files were distributed from NSLDS to school-designated Student Aid Internet Gateway mailboxes on Oct. 20, 2016. This file provides the data used to calculate the rates for each GE program. Schools should review the data for any possible errors and submit an appeal with supporting documentation as necessary, before the challenge period ends. The announcements listed below provide information and instructions related to this topic, with dates of publication. Links for additional resources are also provided.

- [Gainful Employment Electronic Announcement #91 – Upcoming Release of SSA Earnings Data – Oct. 7, 2016](#)
- [Gainful Employment Electronic Announcement #92 – Upcoming Distribution of Draft GE Debt-to-Earnings Rates – Oct. 13, 2016](#)
- [Gainful Employment Electronic Announcement #93 – Draft GE Debt-to-Earnings Rates and Viewer Tool Now Available – Oct. 20, 2016](#)
- [Gainful Employment Electronic Announcement #94 – Draft GE Debt-to-Earnings Rates Challenge Period: Oct. 24 to Dec. 7, 2016 – Oct. 21, 2016](#)
- [Gainful Employment Electronic Announcement #95 – Debt-to-Earnings Rate Alternate Earnings Appeals – Oct. 26, 2016](#)
- [Gainful Employment Information Page](#)
- [NSLDS Gainful Employment User Guide](#)

All challenges must include supporting documentation or they will be denied. All challenges must be submitted before 11:59 P.M. ET on Dec. 7, 2016.